

Biography for Andy Miller, Indiana Agriculture Director

On April 25, 2005, Andy Miller became Indiana's first Agriculture Director when Governor Mitch Daniels signed H.B. 1008 into law. That law created the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA), and until 2005, Indiana had been one of only four states without a stand alone department of agriculture.

During the last three years, Indiana has seen unprecedented economic growth in agriculture, due in large part to the combined efforts of the Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. During Andy's tenure with the Department of Agriculture Indiana saw nearly \$3 billion invested in food and agricultural projects in the state, bringing more than 2,400 jobs to Hoosiers.

Andy has worked to establish Indiana as a national leader in biofuels. Indiana is the fifth largest corn producing state and the fourth largest soybean producing state; however, Indiana's biofuels industry long lagged behind other states. Since the establishment of ISDA, Indiana has 7 working ethanol plants and 4 biodiesel plants and many more under construction surpassing the 1 billion gallon goal set for the end of 2008. The state has also gone from zero to more than 100 public E85 pumps.

Andy grew up on a family hog and grain farm in Waterloo, Indiana. Andy draws on his own agricultural experiences to create a vision for the Department and to inspire others through his leadership.

Aside from Andy's farming background, he has an extensive background in the agricultural industry. He earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Purdue University in 1992. Before becoming Indiana's first Agriculture Director, Andy worked for Weaver Popcorn, a 75 year-old Indiana business. Prior to joining Weaver, Miller created Nature's Entrée, a frozen food company in Indianapolis. Andy also worked for ConAgra, Nabisco and Procter & Gamble.